

Park Street, Feb. 25th 1852

My dear Miss Weston.

We were greatly pleased to get your last letter dated Feb. 17th. I do not like the thought of having lost anything you have written, & should prefer to such a conclusion, that your time was so fully occupied that you did not calculate its loss. I had mistaken a letter addressed ^{by me} received for one supposed ~~by you~~ to have a later date.

My letter last informs me that on the 30th of December I wrote to you by post to Greene & Co (the parcel for Mr. Lane having been left behind) and acknowledged your previous letter dated Dec. 29th. This letter, with one from Mrs. C. neither signed, & directly interested us from the details ^{this} communicated.

On the day of my answer (30th Dec) I posted 2 M.L.s & requested you to let me know if they arrived safely, & if acceptable, as I could send one almost daily. I did send them for some time, but then stopped under the apprehension that my letter of the 30th paper & all had failed to reach their destination.

Our anxiety to hear more about you, certainly did make it seem very long, especially when I knew that the packet ~~sent~~ ^{sent} by the Porter, had arrived safely. Perhaps ^{our} interest in you all made us a little unreasonable.

You will probably remember whether you wrote to us between the 27th of Dec. & the date of the next letter we received.

On Sunday last I posted a M.L. for you, & am again in doubt whether the paper is worth having, for I conclude an unusual rate of postage is paid upon it.

some weeks since.

The opposing reports we hear from Paris are curious. Mme Meynier writes laughing at the idea of letters being read at the P.O. & seems to doubt the stoppage of newspapers - An English ^(a school fellow of mine) officer, long resident with his wife & family in Paris, writes to his Bristol relatives that the "coup" has produced the happiest change, & of faded complete security. Had it not been for this well timed measure, the harmless inhabitants would probably soon have had their throats cut in the hands of the "Reds"!! I saw his wife & daughters names among the visitors at the Galleries -

Walter Haycraft has been writing a series of letters in the "Inquirer" signed "Amicus" in which French affairs are commented on, & an opinion freely given. They show the writer to be a ready & able man; but I was hoping for some time they were not from the pen of our nephew. The style was flat & flippant for so serious an occasion, & their moral tone was only of that light kind which I should have expected from him. They were however perhaps characteristic of a clever young lawyer.

but had our theories as to the cause of your late
candidiasis, & of ^{causes} ~~some~~ anxiety. The latter were re-
cently forwarded to form and to London, ^{tended to} confirm them.

I am not surprised at Mrs Chapman's being
struck with Mrs Mayne. She is a remarkable
person, - clever as you must perceive. She used
to have ~~a~~ an extraordinary aptitude in
gaining an influence over persons of her own
sex - especially those younger than herself. - We
never could account for it upon ordinary principles
to the great intimacy between Mrs Chapman ^{and} Mrs Mayne. She has

few characteristics in common: to be sure they
have never been much together. Mr. May was
enthusiastic in his admiration of the reformer, not
very measured in his disapprobation of those who
dislike. This is not in terms with his family: they
are connexions of our family. I have known Mr. M.
from a child: she was rather spoiled by her parents,
her father especially. I do not wish this account to go
beyond yourselves. If you think it rather severe, put it
down to prejudice on my part. She never had much
love for me, but I believe she too I have never lost her
respect.

I am and with Mr. C. account of the
Lane. I hope you may see him. It was for some time
wish to say anything against France to him. It was
in his present misfortune were to leave Charles
Miss & me a Charivari: it was so poor, that I
could not help contrasting it with Punch.

I don't ^{know} what the people say, or what speakers are op-
prehensive of an invasion for your President, (L. M. S. man)
the general opinion seems to be that he will want the
soldiers at home. Many are glad of an opportunity of
adopting from excuse to increase our army & navy.

Our change to a protectionist Ministry is a little
exciting, but the liberal party have no fears.

I have set going an application for the release of
Davy & 8000, if Abbott Lawrence, about the price
of the Irish prisoners, at least I have written a letter
of the M. A. & privately to Mr. Perkins. What an
admirable Bazaar Report you have written! Douglass
hits it hard on its softest part. I have a long letter from
Mr. May by a late mail. We have been very busy in
helping our sturdy friend D. Matthews: he writes better than I
expected, but cannot condense. So does Mr. G. has an interesting letter
again of the Irish which we worked hard at for him. I was
really kind of Mr. G. to send it. Mr. Perkins has exactly a letter
for working which has been an important & interesting one we have